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" This is not the Flag of Empire or of Domination, but of Freedom, not only for ourselves but also to all enslaved peoples wherever they may be. In whichever part of the Globe this Flag is flown, it will carry with it India's Message of Freedom and Comradeship to all "

—JAWAHARLAL NEHRU

The Sixth Ceylon Rover Moot.

The Ceylon Boy Scouts Association will hold their Sixth Ceylon Rover Moot at the Leelands Estate, Mirigama, Ceylon from 20th to 23rd August 1953. This will synchronise with the world famous Perahara Festival in Kandy. The aim of the Moot is to discuss, demonstrate and practise world affairs, national affairs, cultural subjects, scout craft, handicraft and hobbies and above all provide an opportunity for "Fraternisation". This Moot will be attended besides Rovers of Ceylon, by representatives from India, Burma, Malaya, Indonesisa and other South East Asian countries. The Indian Contingent will consist of Rovers from Punjab, West Bengal, Bihar, Rajasthan, Hyderabad, Mysore, Travancore Cochin and Madras numbering 140 of whom 70 will be from Madras State. Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhpathy, State Secretary, will lead the Indian Contingent. Dr. K. Giridhara Rao, District Commissioner, South Kanara will act as the Medical Officer, and Mr. Sathrasala Venkata Ram, District Commissioner, Madras, as the Treasurer. Madras has been honoured by the appointment of its State Secretary as the Leader of the Contingent by the National Commissioner, Pandit Hirdyanath Kunzru. The Rover Contingent from India will leave Madras for Ceylon on the 18th of August by the India-Ceylon Express.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY CAMP CHIEFS' TRAINING COURSE.

A Training Course for Assistant Deputy Camp Chiefs will be held from the evening of 18th September to the morning of 22nd September, for three days at the Besant Camping Centre, Adyar, Madras. Members of the Training Team of Boy Scouts Association, Hindustan Scout Association and those who have been through the recent Coonoor Training Course for Assistant Deputy Camp Chiefs can attend this camp. A camp fee of Rs. 10 will be charged to cover the food charges etc. Food will be served from a Central Mess (Vegetarian). The course is open also to all Wood Badge and Himalaya Badge holders. All applications should be made to the State Secretary, State Headquarters, Post Box 424, Madras-5, with a remittance of Rs. 10 on or before 1st September 1953.

The Bharat Scouts & Guides, Madras State

Conference of Commissioners and Secretaries of the Western Region Districts.

On the invitation of Sri J. I. Muthiah, State Organising Commissioner for the Western Region, a Conference of the District Commissioners and Secretaries of the District Associations in the 8 districts comprised in the region was held at the Gnanambikai Mills' Bungalow at Vellaikinar, Coimbatore on Sunday the 26th July 1953.

There were representatives from all the eight districts. By special invitation two Guide Captains and Sri A. T. Devaraja Mudaliar, Ex-District Commissioner, Coimbatore, were also present.

The Conference commenced at 9-30 a.m. after prayer. At the outset Sri T. R. Sundaram Pillai, B.A., B.L., District Commissioner, Coimbatore welcomed the members present and introduced everyone of them individually by referring to the districts they hail from, office held in the Scout movement, profession, and detailing the services each one has rendered in the Scout Movement. This method of introduction was found highly beneficial and was appreciated by all, as it served to know who is who, and strengthen the mutual understanding and contact. He also explained the genesis of this Conference and the approval given by the Hon'ble Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner. The speaker then proposed Sri V. C. Subbiah Gounder, Asst. State Commissioner, to preside over the morning session. In doing so, he set out the very valuable services rendered by him for the cause of the Scout Movement for the last quarter of a century and his other activities as a great agriculturist, philanthropist and in religious activities. The proposal was seconded by Sri C S.V. Ramani Kariakar, M.A., B.L., Asst. State Commissioner, West Coast.

Next Mr. J. I. Muthiah, S.O.C. expressed his gratification that there had been a very hearty response to his invitation and thanked all of them for the same. He then read the messages sent by Honourable Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, and Sri V. S. Hejmadi, I.C.S., State Commissioner.

Mr. V.C. Subbiah Gounder, in his address extended a hearty welcome and expressed the hope that the Conference would be a very useful one, as such conferences were necessary for chalking out programmes of work and a full and frank discussion of the problems facing the Movement.

Sri V. S. Rathnasabhapathy, State Secretary, then declared the conference open. In doing so, he stated that this was the first conference of its kind, which would have afforded an opportunity for all to meet and try and understand the work that is being done by the Commissioners in their respective districts, the difficulties they are facing and above all, as to how they are overcoming them. This Conference of Commissioners, who are the main stay of the organisation and on whom a great responsibility rests,

will be helpful in the fulfilment of their obligations. A Scouter, he said, must look to his Commissioner, not as a disciplinarian, but for sympathy and wise guidance. In turn, the Commissioner should have to win the Confidence of the Scouter, so as to enable him to carry on with his work. The first and foremost requisite would be the enthusiasm for work and that too in an abundant measure. The Scout Movement will be considered as a Nation Building Activity in addition to various community projects, Rural Welfare works, etc., Those in charge of the district work must put their hands into the work and plunge into the work and see that something is done. It all depends upon the angle of vision and the attitude that one takes.

Before the discussion began the assembly placed on record its grateful thanks to the State Chief Commissioner and the State Commissioner for their kind messages.

After the opening speech, Sri T. R. Sundaram Pillai, who was unanimously elected Secretary of the Conference, initiated the discussion of the topic set down, (viz.) "Our Problems and Solutions".

The levy of a fee from each pupil in the Secondary Schools under the heading "Scouting and Excursions" and the apportionment of the same for the two purposes, the proposed Youth Movement and how far Cubbing will be affected or otherwise by the New Elementary Education Scheme, the payment of adequate compensation for extra curricular work done by the masters in schools, the availability of the Railway concession for individual travelling on Scout work, the strengthening of the financial position of the District Associations and the State, were all considered. With this the forenoon session came to a close, after a hearty vote of thanks to the President, who was also the genial host for the whole Conference.

The Conference re-assembled after lunch punctually at 2 p. m. Sri C. S. V. Ramani Kariakar, M.A., B.L., Assistant State Commissioner, West Coast Districts, was voted to the Chair. The President laid stress on the importance of the ensuing Jamboree to be held at Hyderabad. Discussion was initiated by Dr. K. Giridara Rao, District Commissioner, S. Kanara, on "Our Plans and Problems", which was the topic set down for the afternoon session.

Everyone participated very actively on every subject that was mooted. The subjects covered Hyderabad Jamboree, the ensuring Rover Moot at Ceylon, re-drafting of amendments to A.P.R.O., the desirability of having District Commissioners (Guides) in every District, training camp for Cub Masters and Scout Masters, Publication of language bulletins in the districts and encouragement of the existing bulletins, the need for the award of Proficiency Badges without any delay, the division of each district into sectional centres for the purpose of running week-end camps, taking stock of Rover Crews in the Districts and introduction of Rovering in Colleges, starting of open Troops, camping grounds, ways and means of giving a

"spurt" to the Movement, contribution of donation for K. A. Nachiappa Gounder Memorial Fund, requesting the Government to permit Local Boards and Municipalities to give donations to Scout Association, requesting the Registrar of Co-operative Societies to permit the payment of donation from the Common Good Fund of Co-operative Institutions, and allied matters.

Sri V. C. Subbiah Gounder, once again thanked the guests for the honour they have done him in having assembled in his place.

Mr. T. K. Venkateswaran, Secretary, District Association, Calicut, thanked Sri V. C. Subbiah Gounder, Sri T. R. Sundaram Pillai and J. I. Muthiah for the excellent arrangements made for the Conference.

It was resolved that the next conference should be held in October either at Kollengode, or at Mangalore, as may be decided later on.

Mr. T. R. Sundaram Pillai conveyed on behalf of the host district their warm thanks for the hearty response and to Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary, for having taken the trouble of going over here to declare the Conference open, and for his valuable help and suggestions.

With the singing of Jana Gana Mana, the National Anthem, the Conference came to a close at 4-15 p.m. After tea, the members left Vellaikinar amidst great rejoicing, enthusiasm and mutual understanding.

T. R. SUNDARAM,
Conference Secretary.

Message from Mr. V. S. Hejmadi, State Commissioner (Scouts) to the Conference.

"I would like this Conference to provide me with material for strengthening our organisation, not so much by adding to its numbers as by giving all the existing groups a greater spurt towards efficiency in all directions. There should be no scout over twelve who is a tenderfoot beyond, say, three months and few Scouts over fourteen who are not ready for the First-class badge. Each group should be able to boast of at least three jungle GOPHS or Bharat Scouts before April 1954. I trust that arrangements for training at all levels, and in handicrafts and merit badge subjects, for fixing up suitable camps, for finding the necessary finance and most important of all for ensuring the full co-operation of parents as well as the public will be gone into."

TRAINING CAMP FOR SEA SCOUTMASTERS, COCHIN, 1ST TO 12TH SEPT. 1953.

The above camp will be held from the 1st to 12th September 1953. The course will start at 4 p.m. on Sept. 1st and break up at 10 a.m. on the 12th September 1953.

COMMISSIONERS' AND SECRETARIES' TRAINING CAMP.

The Commissioners' and Secretaries' Training Camp will be held at Kuttalam from 29th August to 4th September 1953 both days inclusive. The camp fee is fixed at Rs. 35 exclusive of other expenses that will have to be incurred by the trainees for their journey etc.

This camp is open to all District Commissioners, Asst. District Commissioners, Secretaries of District Associations and Secretaries of Local Associations. In addition to this, on the specific recommendation of the District Commissioners (Scouts and Guides) concerned, other candidates who may be thought of as prospective Asst. District Commissioner and District Commissioners will also be admitted in the camp.

A special section for ladies is also run under the guidance of Miss Asha of National Headquarters.

All applications giving the Name, Address, Age, Scout Rank if any, previous scouting experience and recommendation of District Commissioner of the District, should be sent to Mr. T. V. Arumugham, District Commissioner, Vannarpet, Tirunelveli with remittance of camp fee of Rs. 35 on or before 20th August '53.

THE NORTH MADRAS BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES 1ST CLASS TRAINING FOR SCOUTS.

A Training Course starting from the II Class standard and leading to the I Class and Proficiency Badges Training was inaugurated on Sunday the 9th August 1953 by Mr. M. M. A. Navas. Mr. Navas asked them to practise what all they learn in this course. As part of the programme of Proficiency Training, Mr. Veeraraghavan, A.D.C. is conducting the class for St. John Ambulance certificate. 60 Scouts are attending these courses and are under the direct charge of Mr. N. K. Aravamudhan, A.D.C. (Scouts). (This is part of a planned scheme of Programme adopted by the District for the year, copies of which can be had from the District Scout Commissioner, North Madras District.)

ASSISTANT SCOUT COMMISSIONERS

Warrants Presented.

Salem, July 13 : At the general meeting of the Salem District Bharat Scouts and Guides Association Sri S. V. Lakshmana Ayyar, District Scout Commissioner presented warrants to the new Assistant District Scout Commissioners, Sri G. Narasimham, Salem Town, and Sri V. Kaliappan, Namakal, and the renewal warrants, for seven other Assistant District Scout Commissioners.

The meeting adopted the annual report presented by the Secretary, Sri K. Varadaraja Ayyangar. There were 139 cub packs with 3130 cubs, and 212 cub-masters; 28 scout troops with 831 scouts and 50 scoutmasters, one Rover crew with 10 Rovers and one Rover mate, 28 Flocks with 464 bul-buls and 34 flock leaders and 5 Guide companies with 106 Guides and 6 Guide Captains.

The following were elected office-bearers : Srimans V. Ramalinga Mudaliar, President; S. M. Namasivayam, P. V. Venkata Varadan, the Rev. J. D. Mannasseh and Srimathi Seethalakshmi Ramaswamy Vice-Presidents; K. Varadaraja Iyengar, Secretary; T. D. Srinivasa Ayyangar Assistant Secretary; Bernard Thomas, Treasurer; K. Srinivasa Raghavan Auditor.

The Jhansi Troop of Guides attached to the National High School (Girls) Triplicane held their inaugural Rally on Wednesday the 22nd July 1953 under the Presidency of Mrs. Ahalya Santhanam, J. P., District Commissioner, Guides, East Madras, when Mr. T. S. Santhanam, B.A., B.L., Asst. District Commissioner, East Madras hoisted the Flag. The Guides of whom there were five Patrols with a total of Forty gave displays of tent Pitching, Cooking, (they make very fine coffee) and Camp Fire Songs under the guidance of their Guide Captain Mrs. T. David assisted by Miss S. Thangam. Miss N. Saraswathi, Headmistress of the School extended a hearty welcome to those present. Mr. V. S. Ratnasabbapathy, State Secretary, addressed the Guides on their work for the year. Miss Thangam thanked those present. "A very good group in the making",

East Madras Bharat Scouts & Guides.

Welcome Rally.

A Rally of all sections of Scouts and Guides was held at 'Wenlock Park', Triplicane, Madras on Saturday, the 25th July 1953 in honour of and to welcome Sri A. M. Murugappa Chettiar, the new President of the Association

After Rally, flag break, prayer, the President reviewed the various units.

Sri S. Amudachari, Chairman of the Executive Committee welcomed the president on behalf of the Association and in doing so, thanked him for having consented to become its president in spite of the pressing calls on his time on account of his connection with various business organisations and industrial enterprises.

The President he said had visited various countries in the world and was keenly interested in Scouting and the welfare of the youth. He announced that the President was also pleased to become a patron member of the Association.

A few items of entertainment were given by the various Groups:

The President while expressing that Scouting was a blessing to the world, stated that it was doing to the boy and girl at an impressionable age, developing a good character and a spirit of selfless service. The Scouts are not only taught to obey and serve, but also to lead and direct. He deplored the modern tendency to disavow faith in anything and everything, but expressed the hope that our culture of which faith in things good is an important ingredient will be strong enough to withstand the same. He felt whether it would not be well to introduce a religious background into organisation and left it to the leaders of the movement to ponder over the same. He wished the Association a long and continued existence of useful service.

Sri L. Srinivasan, Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

A. V. RAGHAVAN.

Publicity Officer.

N. B. Rule 16 Religious Policy :—It is expected that every Scout and Guide shall strive to put into daily practice reverently the precepts of the religion to which he or she belongs respecting the faiths of other. (A.P.R.O)

North Arcot

Patrol Leaders

We conducted a course for our local (Vellore) Scouts and Guides in Tenderfoot and Second Class tests. 30 Scouts and 30 Guides selected from the following schools participated.

Voorhees High School, I Vellore Troop, Sri Venkateswara High School II Vellore Troop, Voorhees Christian Hostel Troop—VI Vellore, The Ashram School Guides and the Govt. Secondary and Training Schools for Women—Guides.

The Subjects covered were Tenderfoot and II class subjects. Mr. C. A. Joseph, Mr. James D. Isaac, Miss D. Rajamoni and Mrs. Leelavathy helped to run the camp.

Chittoor

The Bapuji Scout Group, Nagiri, Chittoor District, went on a three days camp to Kailasakona, 18 miles from Nagiri, $7\frac{3}{4}$ miles from Puttur on the Puttur-Nagalapuram Road, and stayed there from the evening of 17—7—53 to the evening of 19—7—53.

39 Scouts and 12 Rovers participated.

After repassing of the Tenderfoot and Second Class Badge tests, special care was taken for giving instructions on the First class Badge tests. The independent examiners appointed for the First class Badge test, took the opportunity of this camp and spared no pains to give the Scouts and Rovers, theoretical and Practical lessons on special subjects, like Axemanship, First aid, Estimation, Pioneering, Tracking, Mountain climbing, Mapping, Wide games etc., etc.

The camp site was specially fit for the first class standard, as it was in a valley where there is a waterfall. Sri V. Viswanatham, Cub-Master who was the Quarter Master, did his best to discharge his duties to the entire satisfaction of the campers. Sri K. Satyanarayana Murthy B.A., B. Ed., Head-Master and Group Scout Master was assisted by Mr. M.G. Sambiah and other Rovers who did their best to make the camp a success.

The North Malabar Bharat Scouts & Guides, Calicut.

Preliminary Guide Captains' Training Course, 6th May to 16th May 1953.

The North Malabar District held its first Guide Captains' Training Camp in a large School Building at Elathur, seven miles from Calicut. The Trainer and the Trainees were warmly welcomed by the enthusiastic District Commissioner for Guides, Mrs. Chandran, the hard-working Secretary, Mr. Venketeswaran and the kind-hearted Quarter Master Miss Ammu.

There were seventeen trainees from the different parts of the District and of course it did not take us long to break the ice and get acquainted with one another. We were just one jolly family.

The Camp on the first day was inaugurated by Sri R. Prasad, I. C. S. (Collector of Malabar) President of the District. Every morning began with colours and prayers followed by breakfast, orderly work and Court of Honour. Then for the daily sessions, we chose a lovely spot just in front of the sea with the tall slender cocanut tree on all three sides, completely hiding us from the public. The Trainees in right earnest from the first day engaged in doing the whole of the Tenderfoot work.—Wood craft, Hiking, First Aid and Child Nursing. More attention was given to patrol System, Court of Honour and Company management and how to start a Company. We were lucky enough to get the experienced mother (Mrs. Chandran) the District Commissioner, to do the Child Nursing from whom the Trainees learnt the fundamental facts on Child Nursing.

The most enjoyable part of the Camping was the Hike Afternoon. We went to the cocanut Thope in three groups just in front of the sea, like Everest Expeditioners with water-bottles and haversacks strapped on our backs. In spite of the wind, the sand, the tea and the delicious pallagarams prepared by the Patrols were most tasty and good. We have very happy memories to treasure in our minds of our Hike.

The close of each day brought an entertaining campfire which gave us the opportunity of learning new songs and fireside games. The glowing embers gave us a feeling of warm friendship.

The Visitors' Day on the last day of the Camp brought many friends, well-wishers and members of the Movement in the District. We began with the Investiture Ceremonies. The Visitors enjoyed the display of games. First Aid, the Pageant on the 'Chain of Friendship' and the Campfire items and enthusiastically joined in the game called "Lord between two Ladies". All too quickly we reached the last night of the Camp and as we said good bye, the general feeling was that the Camp had been tremendously worth while and that 'we want a Camp every year'.

S. BAKKIAMUTHU.

*Camp Officer and Headquarters
Commissioner (Guides)*

The Bharat Scouts & Guides.

Pollachi Local Association

Report of Organisation.

After having made preliminary arrangements, the District Commissioner (Scouts), Coimbatore, and the State Organising Commissioner, Coimbatore, visited Pollachi on the 19th July 1953. A public meeting was convened by Sri P. G. Venkatasubbu, Headmaster, Municipal Boys High School, in his School. Sri M. Chandrasekharan Pillai, B.A., Revenue Divisional Officer, Pollachi, presided. The Headmaster in a brief speech welcomed the members present. In this introductory speech, the president laid stress on the importance of the Scout Movement. Sri T. R. Sundaram Pillai, B.A., B.L., District Commissioner (Scouts) explained the objects of the Scout Movement and also referred to the Pollachi Scout Council, which was in existence several years ago and which also conducted a very successful scout camp in 1936. He explained the merger and birth of the "Bharat Scouts and Guides". He appealed for unstinted co-operation of every one, official and non-official, young and old, rich and poor to stabilise the working of the Association. He was then followed by Sri J. I. Muthiah, State Organising Commissioner, who explained the Scout Laws, Scout Promises and the maxim "Be smiling" and "Be Prepared".

A resolution was passed that the Local Association be formed and affiliated to the State Headquarters through the District Association. The Bye-laws of the Association were then adopted.

The following office-bearers were elected.

The President is Mr. Chandrasekharan Pillai, B.A., Sub-Collector of Pollachi.

Secretary: Sri P. G. Venkata Subbu, B.A.L.T.,

Joint Secretary: Srimathi T. L. Subadra Devi B.A., B.T., Headmistress, Municipal Girls High School, Pollachi,

Treasurer: Sri Kamakshi Chettiar

It was found that there were a large number of Scout Masters in the Taluk and the District Commissioner requested them to see that they get their warrants renewed under the new set up and exhorted them to put forward their best.

INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT TO SERVE AS CAMP COUNSELLOR

Miss Florence Philip, a music scholarship student from Madras, India will be unit leader at the Butler Area Girl Scout Camp, Trefoil (U.S.A.) this summer.

Miss Philip has been in this country since early January, and has been the recipient of music scholarships to the Minneapolis School of Music, Minneapolis, Minn., and to the University of Miami, Fla.

The need for Scouting in India is great. Miss Philip feels that her experience as a leader here will teach her many ways to help the young girls of her native land.

She hopes to share fully in American camp life so as to be able to take back to India our methods of camp training and to impart some Indian methods of camping to our girls.

Duties of Unit Leader

The counsellor in charge of a unit at Camp Trefoil is responsible to the Camp Director for knowing each girl in her unit and helping her to get the most of her stay in camp.

The unit leader also plans with the campers and staff members and helps to carry out the programme plans, administering and participating in the programme for her unit, and co-ordinating her unit programme with that of the entire camp.

She is also responsible for supervising the unit staff, delegating jobs, arranging schedules of duties and time off, and all related duties, and she must supervise unit housekeeping, sanitation, care of supplies and equipment.

Her responsibilities also include helping to build good relations with parents when they visit camp and through letters as required, keeping records and making required reports, assisting with opening and closing the unit, making inventories and reports and acting as hostess for the unit.

Miss Florence Phillip is Mrs. Philip's daughter. She is doing very well and is one of our very fine Guiders also.

MRS. CLUBWALA JADHAV,
State Commissioner (Guides.)

NATURE STORIES FOR BULBULS.

Why the Parrot repeats the words of Men.

In the older times when the earth was young' all the birds knew the language of men and could talk with them. Everybody liked the parrot, because he always told things as they were, and they called him the bird that tells the truth.

This bird that always told the truth lived with a man who was a thief, and one night the man killed another man's ox and hid its flesh.

When the other man came to look for it in the morning, he asked the thief, "Have you seen my ox"?

"No, I have not seen it", said the man.

"Is that the truth"? the owner asked.

"Yes, it is. I have not seen the ox", repeated the man.

"Ask the Parrot", said one of the villagers. He always tells the truth".

"O Bird of truth", said they to the parrot, "did this man kill an ox and hide its flesh"?

"Yes, he did", answered the parrot.

The thief knew well that the villagers would punish him the next day, if he could not make them think that the parrot did not always tell the truth.

"I have it", he said to himself at last "I know what can I do".

When night came he put a great jar over the parrot. Then he poured the water upon the jar and struck it many times with a tough piece of oak. This he did half the night. Then he went to bed and was soon fast asleep.

In the morning the man came to punish him. "How do you know that I killed the ox"? he asked. "Because the bird of truth says that you did," they answered. "The bird of truth!" he cried. "That parrot is no bird of truth. He will not tell the truth even about what happened last night. Ask him if the moon was shining". "Did the moon shine last night"? the men asked. "No", answered the parrot. "There was no moon, for the rain fell, and there was a great storm in the heavens. I heard the thunder half the night"

This bird has always told the truth before, said the villagers, "but there was no storm last night and the moon was bright, What shall we do to punish the parrot?" they asked the thief.

I think we will no longer let him live in our homes," answered the thief. "Yes", said the others, "he must fly away to the forest, and even when there is a storm, he can no longer come to our homes, because we know now that he is a bird of a lying tongue."

So the parrot flew away sorrowfully into the lonely forest. He met a mocking-bird and told him what had opened "Why did you not repeat men's word as I do?" asked the mocking-bird, "Men always think their own words are good".

"But the mans' word were not true said the parrot, "That is nothing", replied the mocking-bird, laughing. Say what they say, and they will think you are a wonderful bird".

"Yes I see," the parrot thoughtfully, "and I will never again be punished for telling the truth. I will only repeat the words of others."

G. R. SAMUEL.

Team Games for Girl Guides.

1. Touch.

The Patrols stand in files, and are numbered off so that every guide knows her own number. The guider calls out the name of the substance to be touched (which can be any article of that substance in the room except what they are wearing on their own persons' i.e., 'leather' must be a leather covered book hand-bag etc, not a Guide belt worn by them, selves or their neighbours) She adds how they are to sit and stand when reaching patrol again, and finally the number of the Guide who is to run.

Examples;—"Touch wood-return and stand your left foot No. 5"
"Touch cotton-return and sit with legs".

2. Handcuffs.

Patrols stand in file with a space between each Guide. The leaders wear handcuffs (rope run just big enough to slip over the wrists when both hands are held together behind the back) A chair is placed for each patrol at both ends of the room, and the one at the top end has a tennis ball on it. At the whistle the leaders run backwards up to the top chairs, take the balls off them still wearing the handcuffs, run backwards down the room and in and out between their own teams, and place the balls on the chairs at the bottom end. They then run still backwards to the team again, and give the handcuffs to the next Guides who repeat the same actions, going to the chair at the bottom of the room first.

3. Hopping Arches.

Patrols sit on the floor with Leaders in a ring in the centre and Guides in double files facing outwards back to back like the spokes of a wheel. The last two Guides stand at the end of their files with hands held up to form an arch.

At the whistle, the third Guide (nearest the arch) jumps up, runs out through the arch, runs round the outside of the other patrols and back in through her own arch again. Every time the whistle blows she changes from running to hopping, and then back to running again. When all the other Guides have run, the arch goes round, and finally sits at the of the patrol file.

4. Pass and Throw

The patrols stand in file, and the leader holds a tennis ball and a stiff coloured note book. When the whistle blows, she places the ball upon the note book and runs with it, held out at arm's length to the top of the room. If she drops the ball, she has to pick it up on the note book without touching it with her hands. On reaching the top wall, she throws the ball to the next Guide in her team, and runs back to her with the note book, when No. 2 has both ball and the note book begins to run.

5. Ring Jump

Patrols stand in file, the leader holding a lanyard in her hand. At the whistle she runs to the top of the room, gets through a rope ring which is lying on the floor by the top wall, runs back to her patrol and hands the other end of the lanyard to No. 2. Holding the two ends they walk down either side of the patrol with each Guide jumping the lanyard as it passes her. The leader stays at the bottom, while No. 2 runs with the lanyard to the top wall and performs the same actions over again, this time with No. 3 to hold the other end of the lanyard.

6. Pass Coin

The Patrols stand in file, and beginning with the leader, pass a coin (pice) backwards down the left-hand side of the file (using left hands only and up the right hand side.) When the leader has it again, she runs to the top of the room and round post three times, then back to her patrol, when she gives the coin (pice) to No. 2 and takes up her place at the very back of the file and No. 2 begins to pass the coin (pice) as soon as she receives it.

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL CAMP CHIEF AND
NATIONAL ORGANISING COMMISSIONER

The Bharat Scouts & Guides

1, Purushottam Das Tandon Road, Allahabad-2.

Circular No. A/35/53-54, dated, Allahabad, the 1st Aug. 1953.

The State Secretaries
Bharat Scouts & Guides,
India,

Subject—SCOUT HEAD-DRESS.

Dear friend,

I beg leave to bring one very pertinent point to your notice and seek your co-operation in its solution.

2. OUR APRO has made head-dress optional, with the result that even those who have got head-dress turn out bare-headed in scout gatherings. On more ceremonial occasions of national importance than one, our scouts were invited to participate along with the members of other youth organisations. Our Scouts courted because of the absence of their head-dress adverse criticism from persons holding high positions in public life. Scouters from foreign lands too have politely pointed out to us this sad drawback in our uniform.

3. To fill up the gap the Equipment Department of our Association has got stitched the following three varieties of caps in khaki and they are available at the price noted against each :—

	Rs. A.	Rs. A.
American design caps	1 6 (cotton)	2 10 (woolen) each
"Hind-Scout" design caps	1 5 „	2 8 „ „
"P" caps	1 10 „	2 14 „ „

Scout units are requested to go in for these caps and appear in full uniform while participating in the celebrations of the 15th August 1953. Care should be taken that in one and the same group, caps of one and the same design should be used.

4. The National Camp Chief is very particular on this point in connection with the coming First All-India Bharat Scouts and Guides Mela, Hyderabad, 1953. He appeals with all the eloquence he can command to the Scout leaders to see that all scouts who take part in the Mela/Jamboree shall have recognised head-dress on.

Yours sincerely,

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